

The 140th annual Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association meeting was called to order by Pres. Mike Dutton at 1:10 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the Chuck Wagon Inn in Rocky Ford, Colo. There were about 35 in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen members. Industry reports were given by Fred Lombardi, Colorado Beef Council director; Rick Wahlert, Colorado Brand Board commissioner; Sue Cummings, Colorado CattleWomen vice president; Travis Black, Colorado Dept. of Wildlife area wildlife manager; Terry Fankhauser, Colorado Cattlemen's exec. vice president; Tim Canterbury CCA president-elect and Bob Patterson, CCA southeast quarter representative.

After a refreshment break, courtesy of Farm Credit, the meeting resumed at 3:45 p.m. with unfinished business. Milton Rink moved and Timy Trosper seconded to dispense with the reading of the 2008 annual meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Pat Karney presented the audit committee's report and Endowment Trust's financial report. Hans Hasser moved and Jo Ann McEndree seconded to approve the audit report as printed. Motion passed. Jo Ann moved and Reggy Lusk seconded to approve the Endowment Trust report. Motion passed.

In new business, the Bent-Prowers local dues rate was discussed. Ron O'Neal moved to raise the Bent-Prowers dues to \$20 annually. Curt Russell seconded the motion. Joe Kasza moved to amend the motion to a fee rate of \$15. Hans Hasser seconded the amendment. The amendment passed in a card vote. The motion as amended passed by voice vote. The \$15 Bent-Prowers dues rate will begin with the 2010 memberships.

The need for raising funds was discussed. It was reminded that the 1st Vice President spearheads membership drives. Curt Russell moved and Ron O'Neal seconded that a committee be appointed to pursue fundraising ideas and present a report at the next board meeting. Motion passed. Curt Russell was asked to chair the fundraising committee, with other members to be appointed by Russell.

Timy Trosper presented the proposed resolutions.

Resolution 1: Tools for species sustainability.

Whereas species numbers fluctuate from year to year and some increasing and some decline faster than others and;

Whereas there are possibilities that some species may become candidates for listing as threatened or endangered, and;

Whereas land use restrictions have been used as the primary tool to facilitate habitat species management.

Therefore be it resolved the Colorado Cattlemen's Association opposes the restriction of land use by any government entity as the primary a tool to manage wildlife.

Therefore be it further resolved CCA strongly supports hunting as a tool to sustain and regulate wildlife population's species.

Timy Trosper moved to accept the resolution. It died from lack of second.

Resolution 2: Reportable Disease Management by the State Veterinarian.

Whereas trichomaniasis is rapidly expanding in the West, and;

Whereas the best control of trichomaniasis requires communication and information, and;

Whereas promises to form a working group to study this problem have failed;

Therefore be it resolved that the Colorado Cattlemen's Association through its animal health committee seek implementation by the state Veterinarian of the following agenda:

- Immediate notification of area producers that the specific reportable disease is in their area, and;
- Immediate education sessions and information distribution about the disease and how to control and ultimately eradicate the disease, and;
- Immediate notification of area veterinarians as to who has the disease s that they may assist in the control and eradication process, and;
- Enforce the rule requiring the testing for trichomaniasis of non-virgin bulls sold through auction markets which are not bound for immediate slaughter.

Pat Karney moved and Joe Kasza seconded to accept the resolution. Motion passed by voice vote.

Resolution 3: Band Board Assessment

Whereas the Colorado Board of Stock Inspection is a self funded agency, and;

Whereas the 5-year assessment generates a very large pool of money, and;

Whereas the State of Colorado is continually eyeing this money in times of deficits to balance the state budget;

Therefore be it resolved that the Colorado Cattlemen's Association support the implementation of a 5-year rolling brand assessment so that the assessment pool is maintained at a minimum dollar level.

Joe Kasza moved and Pat Karney seconded to accept the resolution. Motion passed in a split card vote.

Resolutions 2 and 3 will be forwarded to CCA.

Resolution 4: Honor deceased members.

Whereas, since the last annual meeting many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association and we are saddened by their absence. We share the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone before us, have firmly instilled in our association.

Therefore be it resolved, the members of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

Timy Trosper moved and Susan Russell seconded. Motion passed by the members standing in a minute of silence.

Nominating committee report was given by Jo Ann McEndree. She presented the officer slate of Ron O'Neal, president; Timy Trosper, 1st vice president; Lori Chase, 2nd vice president; and Susan Russell, secretary/treasurer. Curt Russell moved to close nominations and accept all four nominees by acclamation, Joe seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Jo Ann then presented the director slates. For Bent County directors, Joe Kasza and Pat Karney were nominated. Ron O'Neal moved and Timy Trosper seconded to close nominations and accept the directors by acclamation. Motion passed by voice vote.

For Baca County directors, Clint Plagge, Kevin Hefley, Steve McEndree and Reggy Lusk were nominated. Bill Gray moved and Leonard Pruett seconded to close nominations and accept the directors by acclamation. Motion passed by voice vote.

For Prowers County directors, Milton Rink and Hans Hasser were nominated. Leon Leonard moved and Bill Gray seconded to close nominations and accept the directors by acclamation. Motion passed by voice vote.

For Otero County directors, Bill Gray, Leon Leonard, Curt Russell and Dave Mendenhall were nominated. Leonard Pruett moved and Reggy Lusk seconded to close nominations and accept the directors by acclamation. Motion passed by voice vote.

For Kiowa County directors, Bruce Fickenscher and Tyler Karney were nominated. Ron O'Neal moved and Timy Trosper seconded to close nominations and accept the directors by acclamation. Motion passed by voice vote.

There was no further business. Hans Hasser announced that Lew Matthew was unable to do the Cowboy punch bowl this year, but we should remember him. Hasser is coordinating the social, sponsored by La Junta Livestock Commission, immediately following adjournment.

Pres. Mike Dutton adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Russell, secretary